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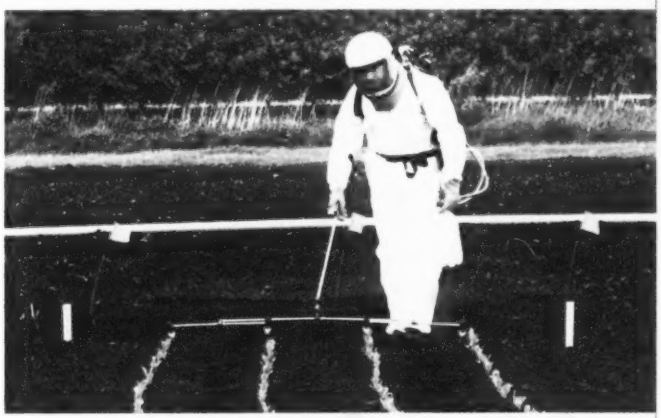

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So when spring arrives each year, the St-Jean-sur-Richelieu MUPP teams return to the field, carrying on their war against weeds, bugs, and blights. Since 2003, they have conducted more than 200 trials on almost 50 different crops; on the list for 2009 are artichoke, basil, high-bush blueberry, broccoli, cantaloupe, celeriac, sweet corn, cucumber, grape, lettuce, onion, green onion, pearl millet, pepper, raspberry, rhubarb, spinach, strawberry and summer squash. Just a glance at this variety tells the story: together with its eight sister centres, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu's MUPP site plays a vital role in establishing new pesticide uses for growers, and in helping them keep their competitive edge in both local and foreign markets.

Wireworm Wars

Even if you've never seen a wireworm, the name alone may be enough to make you grimace — it suggests something thin and hungry, with lots of teeth. That's actually a pretty accurate impression of the aptly named *Ctenicera destructor*, since the creatures have a hearty appetite for the roots and tubers of potatoes, beans, carrots, cole crops, corn, wheat, barley, onions and strawberries. Potatoes are their special favourite, and they like to chew shallow holes in tubers and seed pieces, opening the way for secondary diseases like *Rhizoctonia* and blackleg. And when they tunnel into potatoes destined for consumers or the processing industry, they can do so much damage that a whole crop becomes unmarketable.

Wireworms are the soil-dwelling, larval stage of the click beetle. Although there are more than 800 species of wireworm, only a few are considered to be serious agricultural pests. But the populations of the destructive species seem to be increasing, and controlling the threat requires a multi-dimensional attack that includes reduced-risk insecticide registrations, better information about wireworm numbers and more research into crop rotation.

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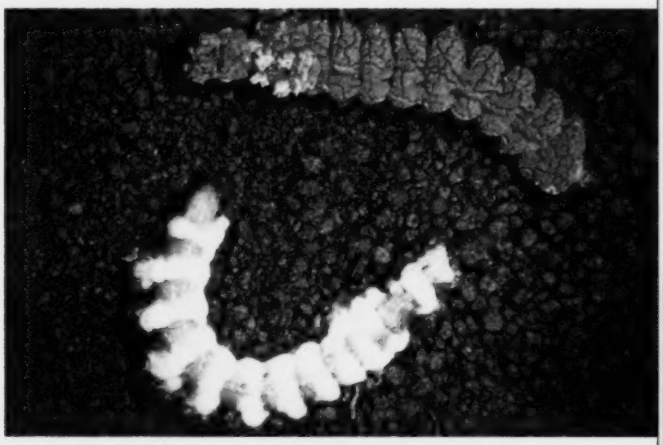

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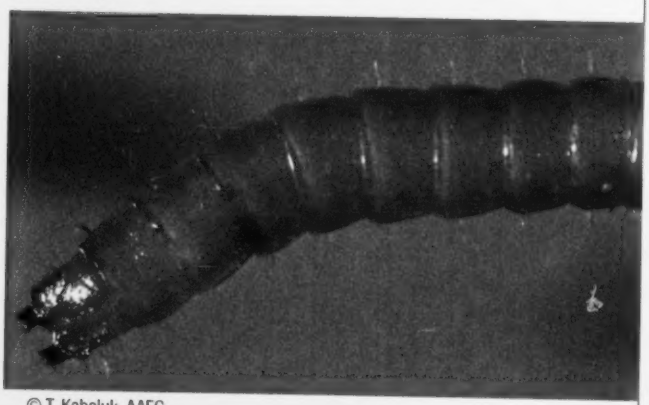

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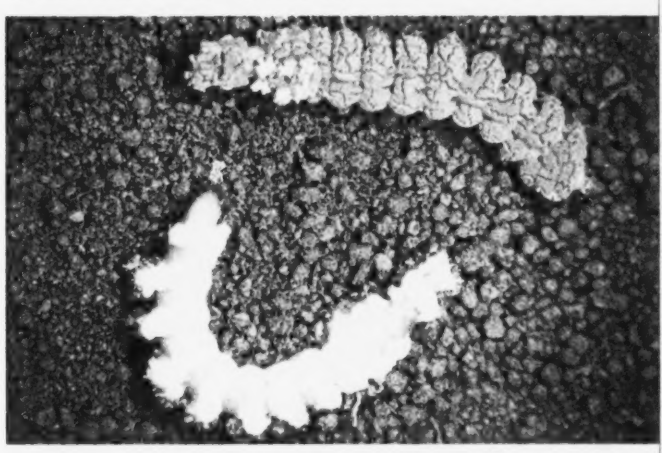

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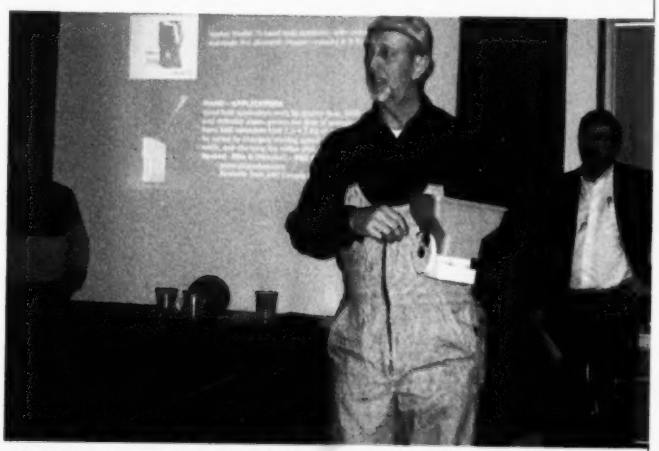

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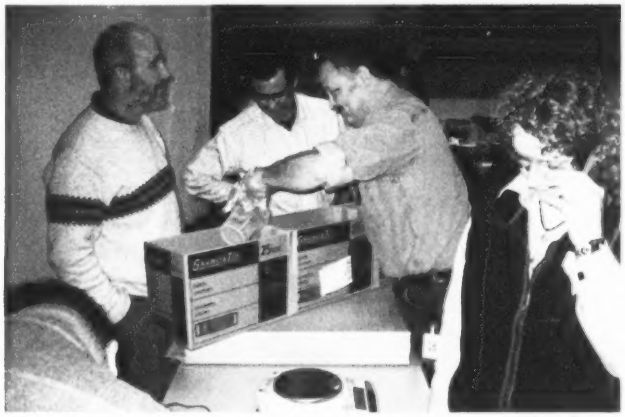

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Carrot	Early blight (*Alternaria dauci*), Early blight (*Cercospora carotae*), Mold, White (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*)	Allegro	fluazinam	AAFC05-053
Cauliflower	Labelled Weeds	Goal 2XL	oxyfluorfen	AAFC07-039
Cucumber	Labelled Weeds	Command 360ME	clomazone	AAFC04-036
Cucurbit vegetables (crop group 9)	Powdery mildew	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program
Grape	Ladybeetles	Ripcord 400 EC Insecticide	cypermethrin	AAFC05-041
Grape	Powdery mildew, Downy mildew	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program
Ornamental (Rhododendron)	Root rot (*Phytophtora cinnamomi*)	Heritage	azoxystrobin	AAFC07-061
Ornamental (Viburnum)	Viburnum leaf beetle	Coragen	chlorantraniliprole	AAFC07-065
Pepper	*Pseudumonas syringae*, *Xanthomanas vesicatoria*	Agriphage	bacteriophage	PRR Program
Pepper, field	European Corn Borer (ECB)	Rimon 10 EC	novaluron	AAFC06-038
Pepper, field & greenhouse	Powdery mildew	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program
Potato	Late blight, Early blight	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program
Potato	*Rhizoctonia solani*	Heads Up Plant Protectant	Saponins of *Chenopodium quinoa*	PRR Program
Strawberry	Lygus Bugs	Rimon 10 EC	novaluron	AAFC07-052
Strawberry	Powdery mildew	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program
Tomato, greenhouse	Bacterial canker (*Clavibacter michiganensis*)	Agriphage	Bacteriophage	AAFC06-060
Tomato, field & greenhouse	Late blight, Powdery mildew	Timorex Gold	tea tree oil	PRR Program

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